

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to recite that each of the inks contains at least one dye having an anionic group and at least two heterocyclic groups based on, for example, the Examples of the specification.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully submitted.

Initially, it is noted that in the Advisory Action of January 29, 2007, the Examiner indicated that the Amendment submitted on January 10, 2007 has overcome the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

With respect to the §102 and 103 rejections over Kabalnov and Berger, respectively, as argued in the Amendment submitted on January 10, 2007, it is respectfully submitted that neither references discloses that each ink in the ink set contains a dye having an anionic group and at least two heterocyclic groups, a recited in claims 1 and 2.

Specifically, Kabalnov discloses a dye-based ink-jet printing system comprising cyan, yellow, and magenta inks. Direct Blue 199 is a cyan dye, and therefore, could be contained in a cyan ink. However, it would not be contained in a yellow ink or a magenta ink. Therefore, Kabalnov does not disclose, teach or suggest an ink set where each of the inks in the ink set contains a dye having an anionic group and at least two heterocyclic groups.

Accordingly, Kabalnov does not anticipate independent claims 1 and 2.

In addition, Berger discloses an ink jet printing set comprising cyan, yellow, and magenta inks. The dye represented by formula (II) is used in a yellow ink, but is not used in a cyan ink or a magenta ink. Thus, similar to Kabalnov, Berger does not disclose, teach or suggest an ink set where each of the inks in the ink set contains a dye having an anionic group

and at least two heterocyclic groups.

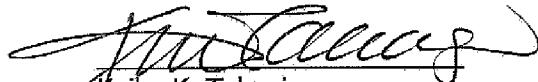
Accordingly, Berger does not render obvious independent claims 1 and 2.

For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-12 are patentable over the cited references, and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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